

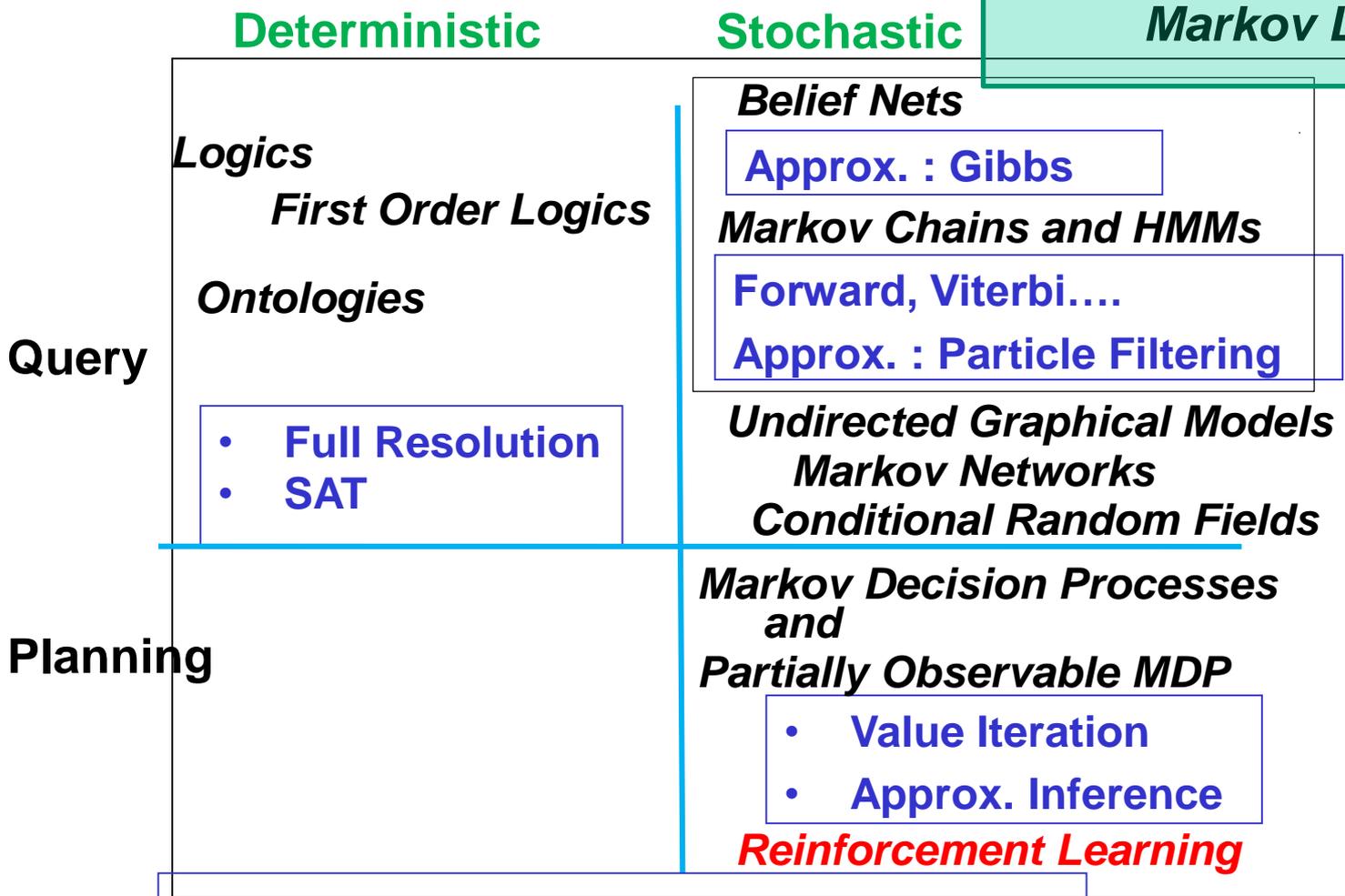
Intelligent Systems (AI-2)

Computer Science cpsc422, Lecture 26

March 19, 2021

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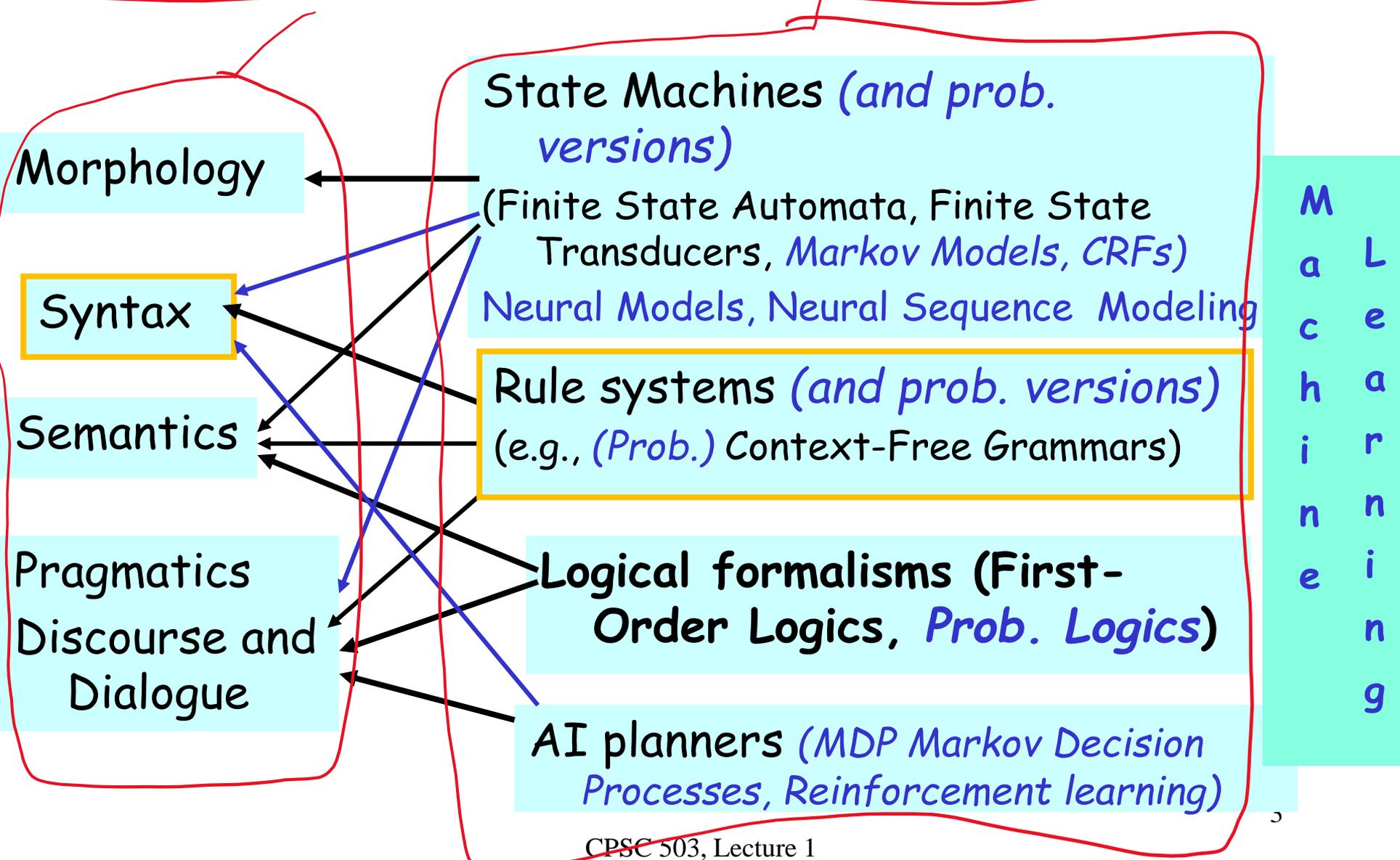
StarAI (statistical relational AI)
 Hybrid: Det + Sto
Prob CFG today
 Prob Relational Models
 Markov Logics



Applications of AI

Representation
 Reasoning
 Technique

Linguistic Knowledge-Formalisms NLP Map



Lecture Overview

- Recap English Syntax and Parsing
- Key Problem with parsing: Ambiguity
- Probabilistic Context Free Grammars (PCFG)
- Treebanks and Grammar Learning

Key Constituents: Examples Head

$NP \rightarrow N$
 $NP \rightarrow Det X$

(Specifier) **X** (Complement)

• Noun phrases (NP)

• (Det) **N** (PP)

the **cat** on the table

• Verb phrases (VP)

• (Qual) **V** (NP)

never **eat** a cat

• Prepositional phrases (PP)

• (Deg) **P** (NP)

almost **in** the net

• Adjective phrases (AP)

• (Deg) **A** (PP)

very **happy** about it

• Sentences (S)

• (NP) **(-)** (VP)

a mouse **--** ate it

Context Free Grammar (CFG)

- 4-tuple (non-term., term., productions, start)
- (N, Σ, P, S)
- P is a set of rules $A \rightarrow \alpha$; $A \in N$, $\alpha \in (\Sigma \cup N)^*$

$N = \{X, Y\}$ $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ $P =$

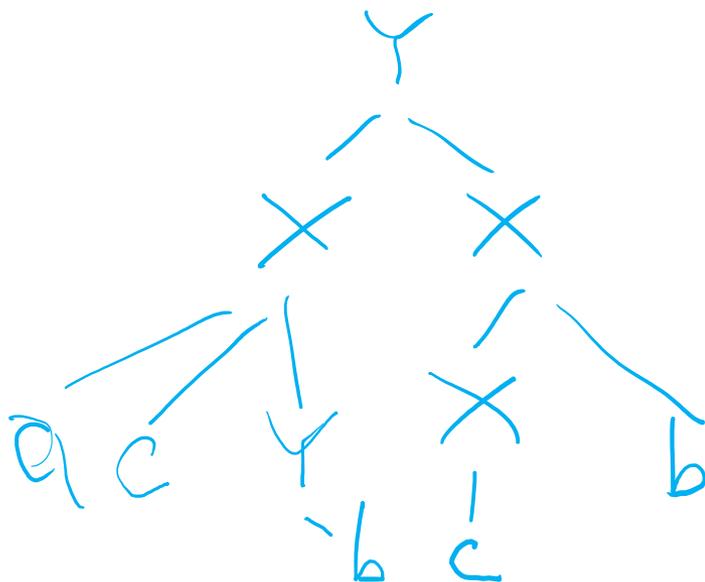
$X \rightarrow Xb$

$Y \rightarrow XX$

$X \rightarrow acY$

$X \rightarrow c$

$Y \rightarrow b$



Toy CFG Example for English

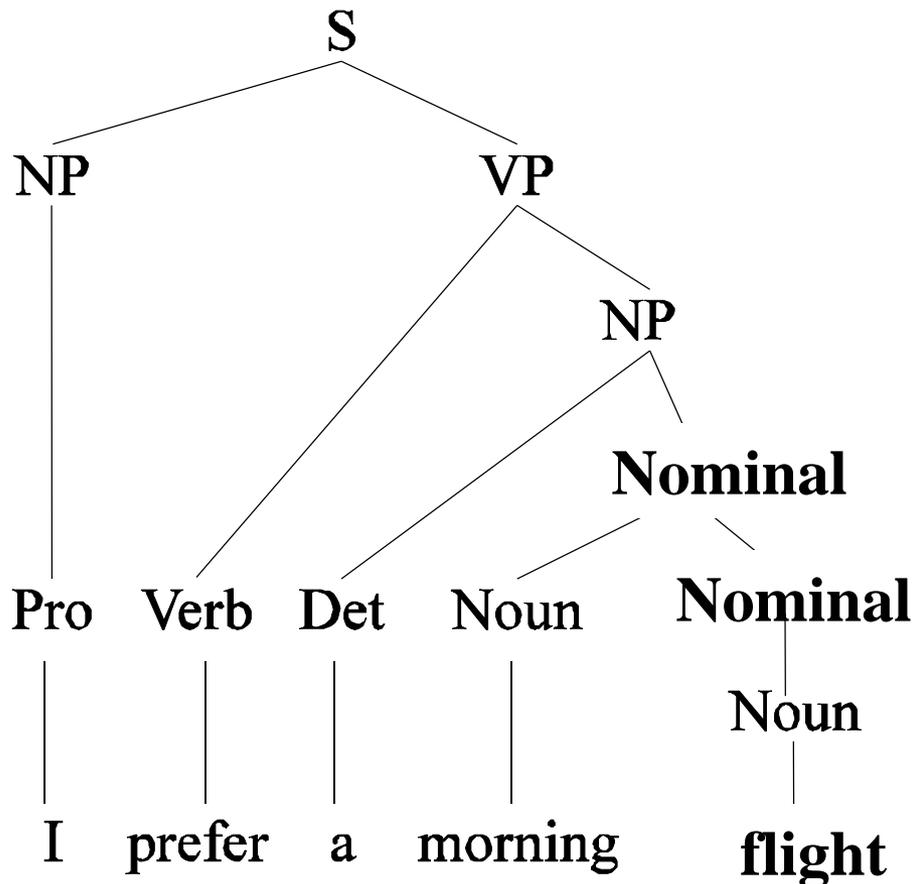
Grammar with example phrases

Lexicon

$S \rightarrow NP VP$	I + want a morning flight
$NP \rightarrow Pronoun$	I
$Proper-Noun$	Los Angeles
$Det Nominal$	a + flight
Nominal $\rightarrow Noun Nominal$	morning + flight
$Noun$	flights
$VP \rightarrow Verb$	do
$Verb NP$	want + a flight
$Verb NP PP$	leave + Boston + in the morning
$Verb PP$	leaving + on Thursday
$PP \rightarrow Preposition NP$	from + Los Angeles

$Noun \rightarrow$	<i>flights breeze trip morning ...</i>
$Verb \rightarrow$	<i>is prefer like need want fly</i>
$Adjective \rightarrow$	<i>cheapest non-stop first latest other direct ...</i>
$Pronoun \rightarrow$	<i>me I you it ...</i>
$Proper-Noun \rightarrow$	<i>Alaska Baltimore Los Angeles Chicago United American ...</i>
$Determiner \rightarrow$	<i>the a an this these that ...</i>
$Preposition \rightarrow$	<i>from to on near ...</i>
$Conjunction \rightarrow$	<i>and or but ...</i>

Derivations as Trees



$S \rightarrow NP VP$

$NP \rightarrow$ *Pronoun*

| *Proper-Noun*

| *Det Nominal*

Nominal \rightarrow *Noun Nominal*

| *Noun*

$VP \rightarrow$ *Verb*

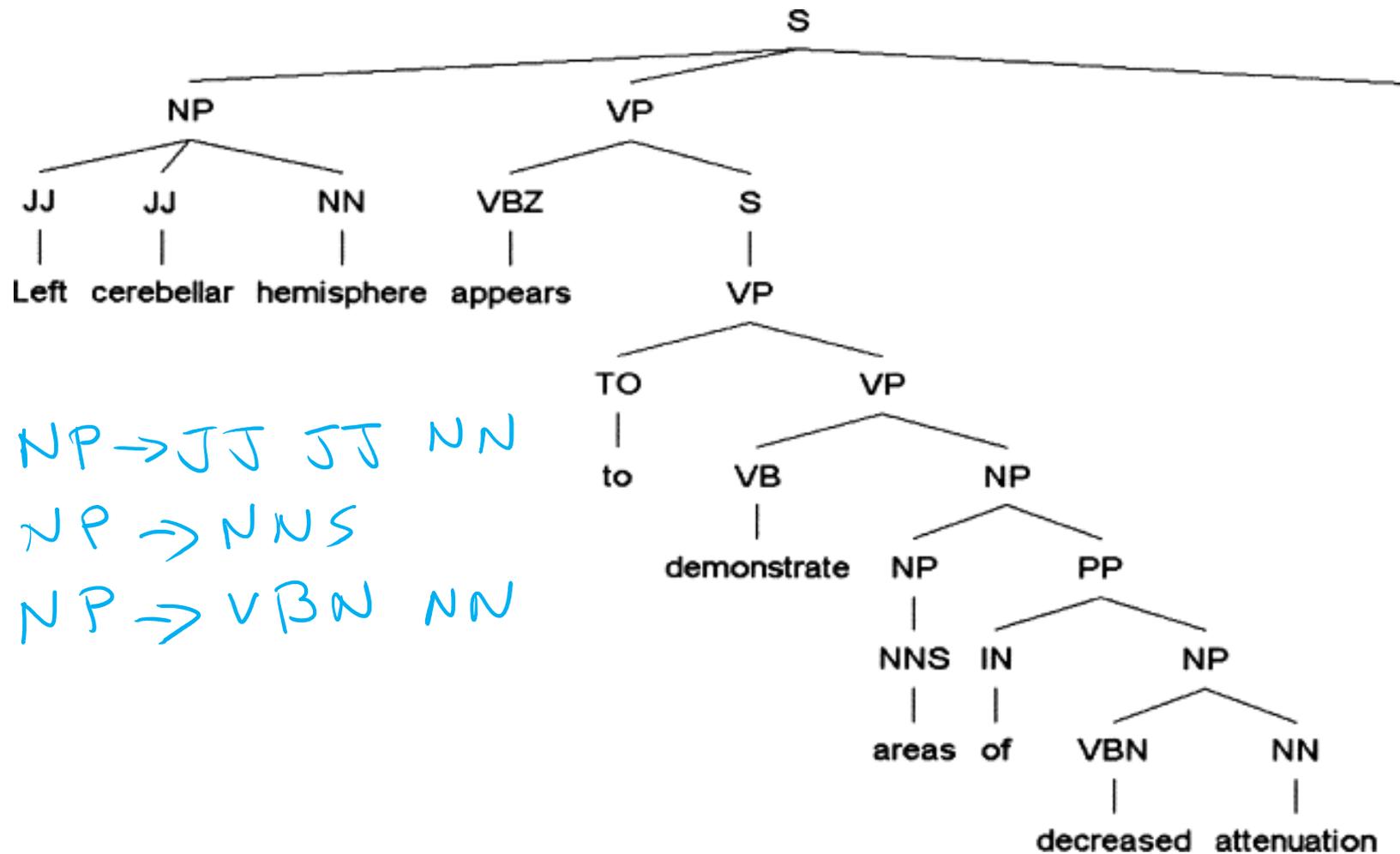
| *Verb NP*

| *Verb NP PP*

| *Verb PP*

$PP \rightarrow$ *Preposition NP*

Example of relatively complex parse tree



Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association, 2005,
Improved Identification of Noun Phrases in Clinical Radiology
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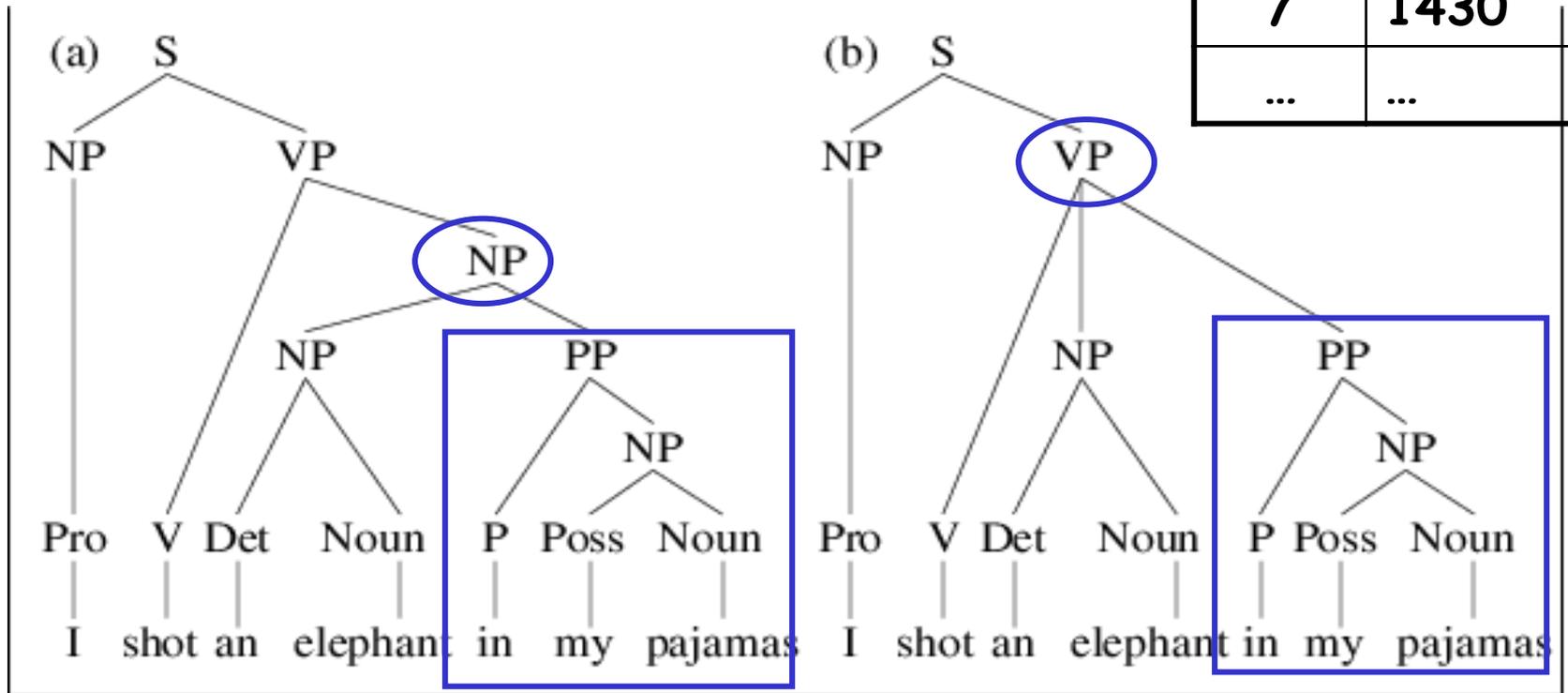
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Structural Ambiguity (Ex. 1)

VP \rightarrow V NP ; NP \rightarrow NP PP
 VP \rightarrow V NP PP

"I shot an elephant in my pajamas"

#of PP	# of NP parses
...	...
6	429
7	1430
...	...



Structural Ambiguity (Ex.2)

"I saw **Mary passing by cs2**"

(ROOT
(S
(NP (PRP I))
(VP (VBD saw)
(S
(NP (NNP Mary))
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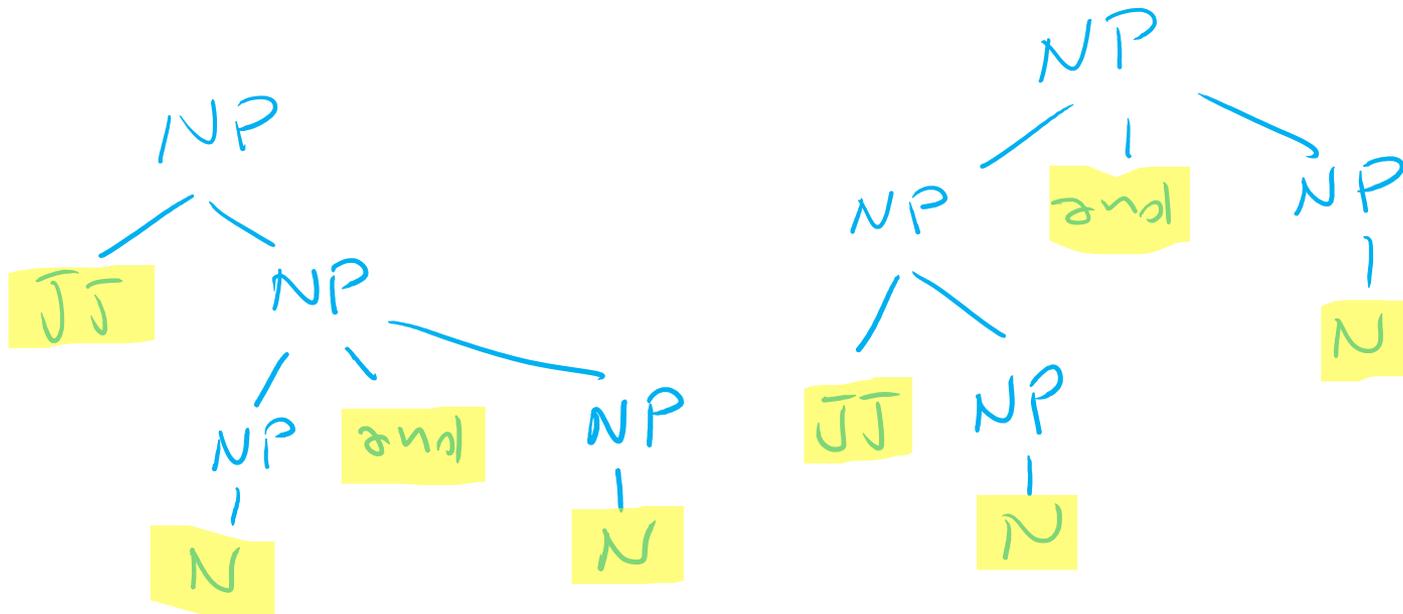
Structural Ambiguity (Ex. 3)

- Coordination “new students and profs”

NP → NP and NP

NP → JJ NP

NP → N



Structural Ambiguity (Ex. 4)

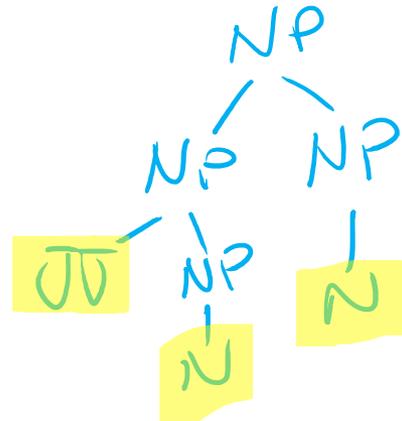
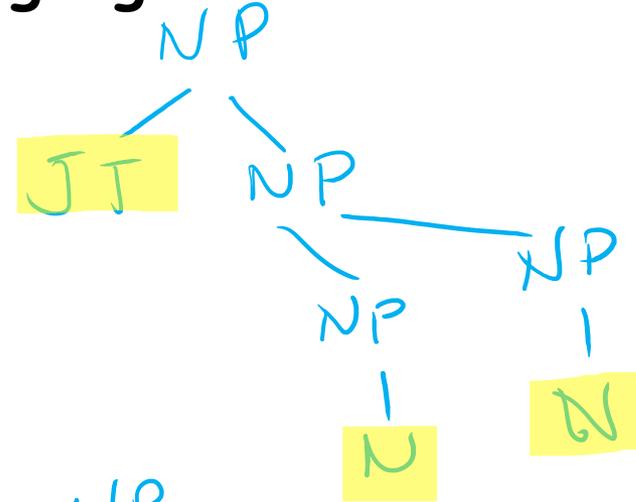
JJ N N

- NP-bracketing "French language teacher"

$NP \rightarrow JJ \ NP$

$NP \rightarrow N$

$NP \rightarrow NP \ NP$



Approx. # of parses ?

- The famous Chinese cosmologists **and** astrophysicists saw a new spiral galaxy **with** the wide mirror telescope **in** Hawaii **on** the night **of** Jan 21st **at** 2:34 AM.

- Catalan of 5 = **14** (*5 prepositions*)
- Tot = 2 × 2 × 2 × **2** × **14** = 224

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- Treebanks and Grammar Learning (acquiring the probabilities)
- Intro to Parsing PCFG

Probabilistic CFGs (PCFGs)

- **GOAL:** assign a probability to parse trees and to sentences
- Each grammar rule is augmented with a conditional probability

- If these are all the rules for VP and .55 is $P(\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{Verb} \mid \text{VP})$

VP \rightarrow Verb .55

VP \rightarrow Verb NP .40

VP \rightarrow Verb NP NP ??

A. 1

B. 0

C. 0.05

D. 0.42

E. None of the above



- What should ?? be ?

Probabilistic CFGs (PCFGs)

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- The expansions for a given non-terminal sum to 1

VP \rightarrow Verb

VP \rightarrow Verb NP

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.55

.40

.05

$P(\text{VP} \rightarrow \text{Verb} \mid \text{VP})$

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Formal Def: 5-tuple (N, Σ, P, S, D)

Sample PCFG

$S \rightarrow NP VP$	[.80]	$Det \rightarrow that$	[.05]	the	[.80]	a	[.15]
$S \rightarrow Aux NP VP$	[.15]	$Noun \rightarrow book$	[.10]				
$S \rightarrow VP$	[.05]	$Noun \rightarrow flights$	[.50]				
$NP \rightarrow Det Nom$	[.20]	$Noun \rightarrow meal$	[.40]				
$NP \rightarrow Proper-Noun$	[.35]	$Verb \rightarrow book$	[.30]				
$NP \rightarrow Nom$	[.05]	$Verb \rightarrow include$	[.30]				
$NP \rightarrow Pronoun$	[.40]	$Verb \rightarrow want$	[.40]				
$Nom \rightarrow Noun$	[.75]	$Aux \rightarrow can$	[.40]				
$Nom \rightarrow Noun Nom$	[.20]	$Aux \rightarrow does$	[.30]				
$Nom \rightarrow Proper-Noun Nom$	[.05]	$Aux \rightarrow do$	[.30]				
$VP \rightarrow Verb$	[.55]	$Proper-Noun \rightarrow TWA$	[.40]				
$VP \rightarrow Verb NP$	[.40]	$Proper-Noun \rightarrow Denver$	[.40]				
$VP \rightarrow Verb NP NP$	[.05]	$Pronoun \rightarrow you$	[.40]	I	[.60]		

PCFGs are used to....



- Estimate Prob. of parse tree

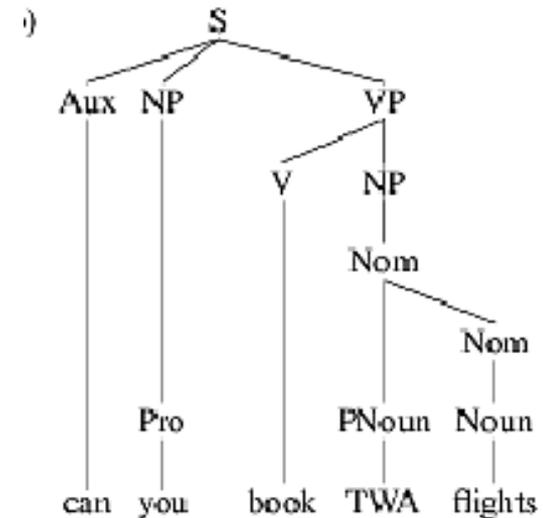
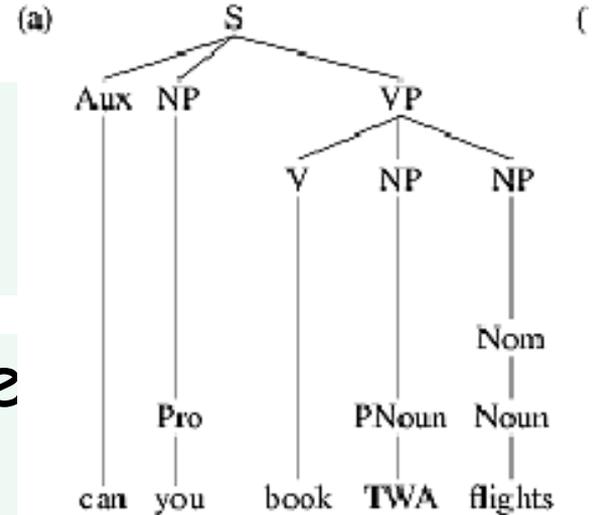
A. Sum of the probs of all the rules applied

B. Product of the probs of all the rules applied

- Estimate Prob. of a sentence

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$$P(\text{Tree}) = \prod_{\text{node} \in \text{Tree}} P(\text{expansion for node})$$

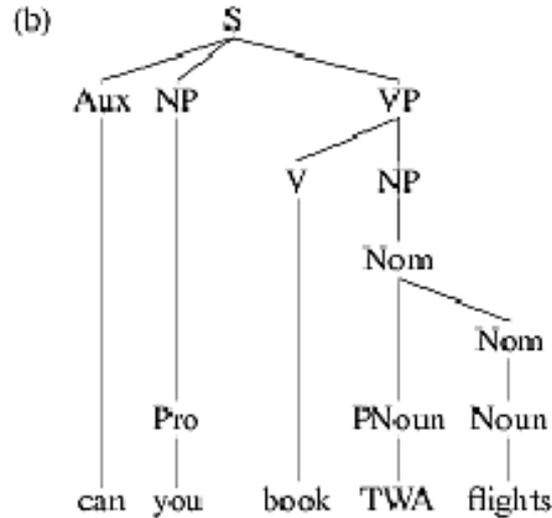
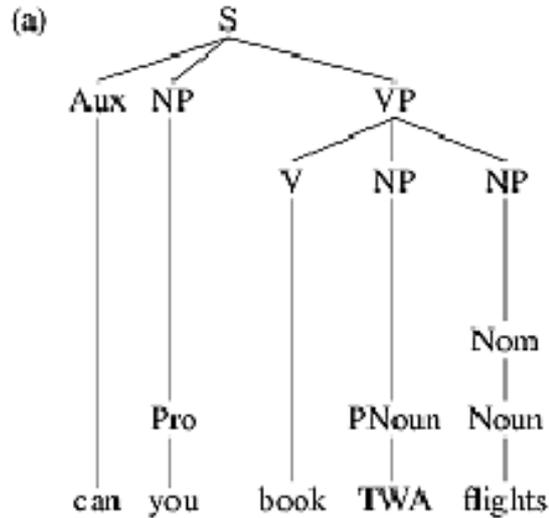
- Estimate Prob. to sentences

$$P(\text{Sentence}) = \sum_{\text{Tree} \in \text{Sentence parses}} P(\text{Tree})$$

Example

$$P(\text{Tree}^a) = .15 * .4 * \dots = 3.8 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

$$P(\text{Tree}^b) = .15 * .4 * \dots = 4.3 \cdot 10^{-7}$$



P("can you book TWA flights")

$$8.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$$

Rules	P	Rules	P
S → Aux NP VP	.15	S → Aux NP VP	.15
NP → Pro	.40	NP → Pro	.40
VP → V NP NP	.05	VP → V NP	.40
NP → Nom	.05	NP → Nom	.05
NP → PNoun	.35	Nom → PNoun Nom	.05
Nom → Noun	.75	Nom → Noun	.75
Aux → Can	.40	Aux → Can	.40
NP → Pro	.40	NP → Pro	.40
Pro → you	.40	Pro → you	.40
Verb → book	.30	Verb → book	.30
PNoun → TWA	.40	Pnoun → TWA	.40
Noun → flights	.50	Noun → flights	.50

(a) →

← (b)

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Treebanks

- **Definition:** corpora in which **each sentence** has been paired with a **parse tree**
- These are generally created
 - Parse collection with parser
 - human annotators revise each parse
- **Requires detailed annotation guidelines**
 - POS tagset
 - Grammar
 - instructions for how to deal with particular grammatical constructions.

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1.	CC	Coordinating conjunction
2.	CD	Cardinal number
3.	DT	Determiner
4.	EX	Existential <i>there</i>
5.	FW	Foreign word
6.	IN	Preposition or subordinating conjunction
7.	JJ	Adjective
8.	JJR	Adjective, comparative
9.	JJS	Adjective, superlative
10.	LS	List item marker
11.	MD	Modal
12.	NN	Noun, singular or mass
13.	NNS	Noun, plural
14.	NNP	Proper noun, singular
15.	NNPS	Proper noun, plural
16.	PDT	Predeterminer
17.	POS	Possessive ending
18.	PRP	Personal pronoun
19.	PRP\$	Possessive pronoun
20.	RB	Adverb
21.	RBR	Adverb, comparative
22.	RBS	Adverb, superlative
23.	RP	Particle
24.	SYM	Symbol
25.	TO	<i>to</i>
26.	UH	Interjection
27.	VB	Verb, base form
28.	VBD	Verb, past tense
29.	VBG	Verb, gerund or present participle
30.	VBN	Verb, past participle
31.	VBP	Verb, non-3rd person singular present
32.	VBZ	Verb, 3rd person singular present
33.	WDT	Wh-determiner
34.	WP	Wh-pronoun
35.	WP\$	Possessive wh-pronoun
36.	WRB	Wh-adverb

Treebank Grammars

- Such grammars tend to contain lots of rules....
- For example, the Penn Treebank has 4500 different rules for VPs! Among them...

VP → VBD PP

VP → VBD PP PP

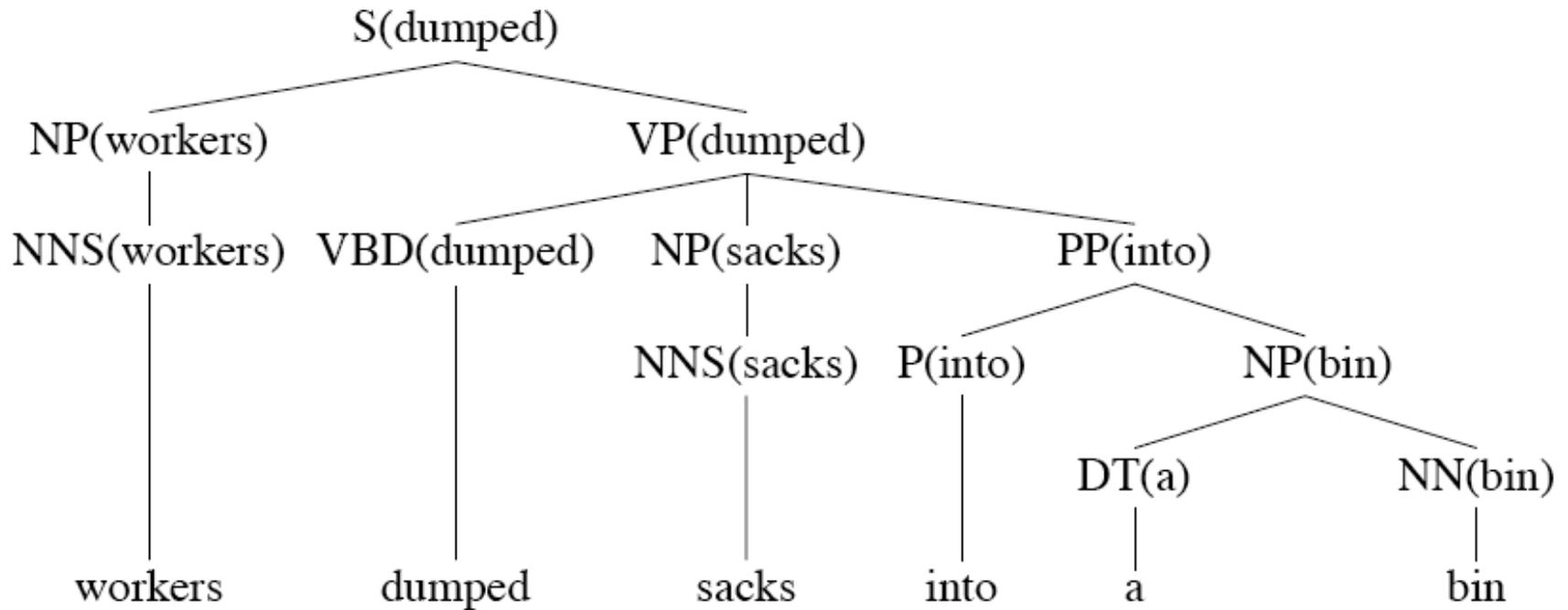
VP → VBD PP PP PP

VP → VBD PP PP PP PP

Heads in Trees

- Finding heads in treebank trees is a task that arises frequently in many applications.
 - Particularly important in **statistical parsing** (e.g., with **PCFG**)
- We can visualize this task by annotating the nodes of a parse tree with the heads of each corresponding node.

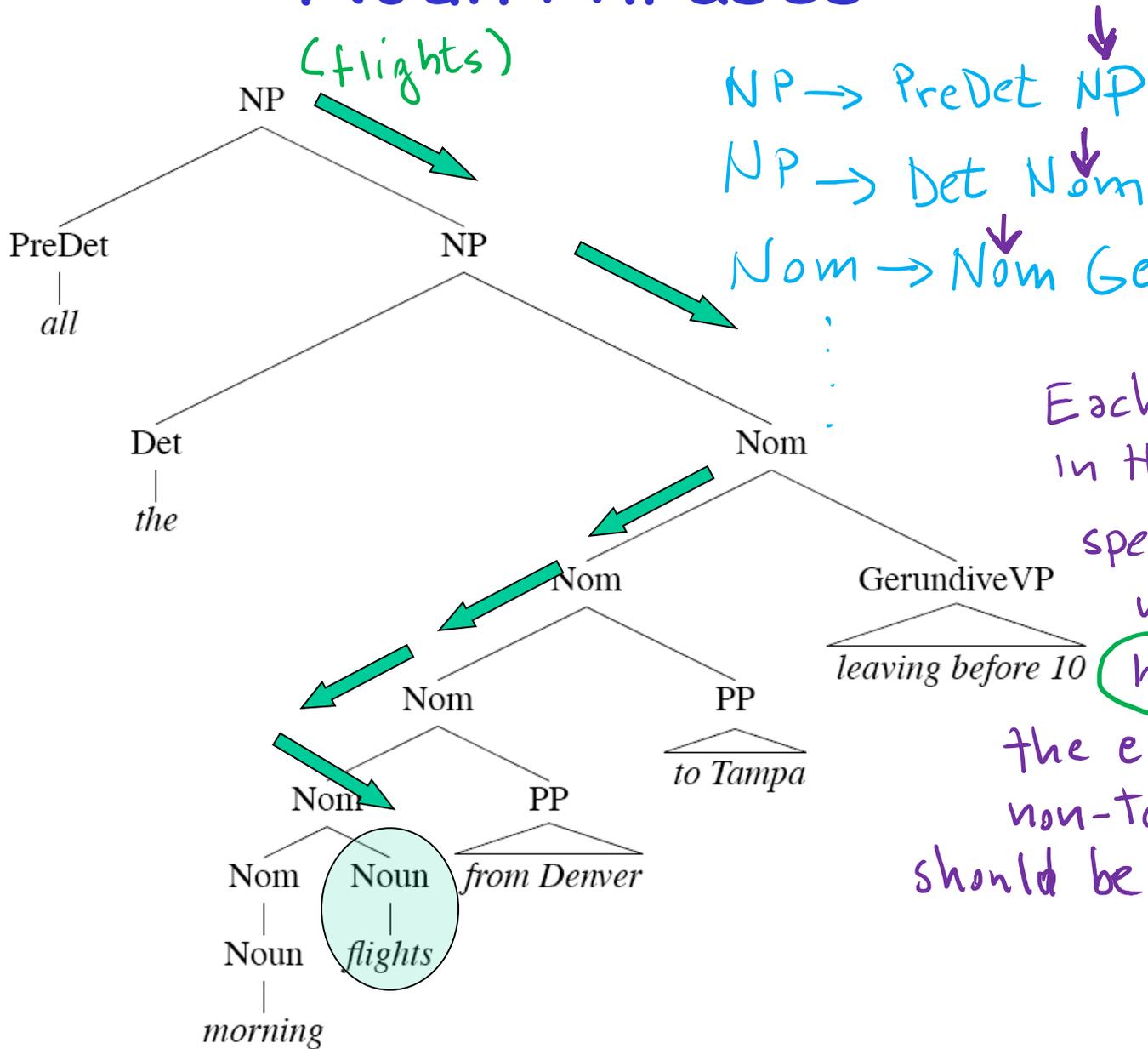
Lexically Decorated Tree



Head Finding

- The standard way to do head finding is to use a simple set of tree traversal rules specific to each non-terminal in the grammar.
- Each rule in the PCFG specifies where the head of the expanded non-terminal should be found

Noun Phrases



Acquiring Grammars and Probabilities

Manually parsed text corpora (e.g., PennTreebank)

- **Grammar:** read it off the parse trees

Ex: if an NP contains an ART, ADJ, and NOUN then we create the rule $NP \rightarrow ART ADJ NOUN$.

- **Probabilities:**

$$P(A \rightarrow \alpha | A) = \frac{\text{count}(A \rightarrow \alpha)}{\sum_{\beta} \text{count}(A \rightarrow \beta)} = \frac{\text{count}(A \rightarrow \alpha)}{\text{count}(A)}$$

Ex: if the $NP \rightarrow ART ADJ NOUN$ rule is used 50 times and all NP rules are used 5000 times, then the rule's probability is ... $.01$

Example

if you look at all the parse trees in the bank you find three rules for NP

① NP → ART ADJ NOUN

How many times

50

② NP → NOUN

4000

③ NP → PRONOUN

950

5000

total #
of NP
expansions

$$P(\textcircled{1} | \text{NP}) = 50/5000 = .01$$

$$P(\textcircled{2} | \text{NP}) = 4000/5000 = .8$$

$$P(\textcircled{3} | \text{NP}) = 950/5000 = .19$$

$$\boxed{\text{also} = 1 - (.01 + .8)}$$

Learning Goals for today's class

You can:

- Provide a formal definition of a PCFG
- Apply a PCFG to compute the probability of a parse tree of a sentence as well as the probability of a sentence
- Describe the content of a treebank
- Describe the process to identify a head of a syntactic constituent
- Compute the probability distribution of a PCFG from a treebank

Next class Mon (March 22)

- Parsing Probabilistic CFG: CKY parsing
- PCFG in practice: Modeling Structural and Lexical Dependencies

**Keep working on Assignment-3 -
due Mar 30**

**(8-18 hours - working in pairs on programming
parts is strongly advised)**